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ABSTRACT

Based on findings of the Home-School Study of Language and Literacy Development, this book examines the relationship between early parent-child and teacher-child interactions and children's kindergarten language and literacy skills. Participating in the study were more than 70 young children from diverse backgrounds whose home and school environments were studied when the children were ages 3, 4, and 5. The book is presented in three sections, each prefaced with introductory information: supporting language and literacy development in the home, supporting language and literacy development in the preschool classroom, and bringing homes and school together. The chapters are: (1) "Language Development in the Preschool Years" (Catherine E. Snow, Patton O. Tabors, and David K. Dickinson); (2) "Parents and Children Reading Books Together" (Jeanne M. DeTemple); (3) "Playing at Home: The Talk of Pretend Play" (Jane R. Katz); (4) "Eating and Reading: Links between Family Conversations with Preschoolers and Later Language and Literacy" (Diane E. Beals); (5) "'You Know What Oxygen Is?': Learning New Words at Home" (Patton O. Tabors, Diane E. Beals, and Zehava O. Weizman); (6) "Home Language and Literacy Environment: Final Results" (Patton O. Tabors, Kevin A. Roach, and Catherine E. Snow); (7) "Children's Experiences in Preschool" (Miriam W. Smith); (8) "Book Reading in Preschool Classrooms: Is Recommended Practice Common?" (David K. Dickinson); (9) "Language Opportunities during Mealtimes in Preschool Classrooms" (Linda R. Cote); (10) "Large-Group and Free-Play Times: Conversational Settings Supporting Language and Literacy Development" (David K. Dickinson); (11) "Putting the Pieces Together: Impact of Preschool on Children's Language and Literacy Development in Kindergarten" (David K. Dickinson); (12) "Parent Involvement as a Link between Home and School" (Michelle V. Porche); and (13) "Homes and Schools Together: Supporting Language and Literacy Development" (Patton O. Tabors, Catherine E. Snow, David K. Dickinson). Appended is information on measures used in the study and descriptive statistics. (Contains 167 references.) (KB)

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